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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the 3-12-15 compliance check of your Level B, Registered Child Development Home. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of my visit:

- ☐ 110.4 No more children are in care than the rules for the specific category will allow.
- ☐ 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards. *(no smoke detectors on 2nd level, discontinue use of ripped pack 'n' plays, discontinue sleeping infant in bathroom)*
- ☐ 110.5(1)b All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials are secured from access by a child. *(keep cleaning supplies inaccessible)*
- ☐ 110.5(1)c First-Aid supplies are available and easily accessible in the home, outdoor play area, any vehicle used to transport children, and on field trips. *(need to obtain)*
- ☐ 110.5(1)c The first-aid kit is sufficient to address first aid related to minor injury or trauma and stored in an area not accessible to children.
- ☐ 110.5(1)j The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes in case of fire, a safe place indoors in case of tornado, and flood shelter areas. *(add map detailing plans at both exits)*
- ☐ 110.5(1)k Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept. *(be sure to do monthly)*

☐ 110.5(1)l A safety barrier surrounds any heating stove or heating element.

☐ 110.5(1)m Has not less than one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor. *(need upstairs)*

☐ 110.5(1)n Has a minimum of one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway. *(need at top of stairs and in all 3 rooms on 2nd level)*

☐ 110.5(1)n Each smoke detector has been installed according to manufacturer's recommendations.

☐ 110.5(1)n Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes. *(test and document monthly)*

☐ 110.5(1)o Smoking and the use of tobacco products is prohibited at all times in the home and vehicles used to transport children. Smoking and use of tobacco products prohibited in outdoor play area during hours of operation.

☐ 110.5(1)o Nonsmoking signs posted at every entrance of the home and in every vehicle used to transport children. Signs include telephone # for reporting complaints, and www.iowasmokefreeair.gov.

☐ 110.5(1)p Children under the age of one year are placed on their backs for sleeping unless otherwise authorized in writing by a physician. *(discontinue use of rock 'n' sleeper for sleep, discontinue use of ripped pack 'n' plays)*

☐ 110.5(2)a A physician's signed statement of health and immunization status on the provider and all members of the household who may be present when children are in the home. Statements must be obtained at the time of initial registration and updated every three years. *(needs physical on file)*

☐ 110.5(8) Children's Files

☐ 110.5(8) An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes. Each file contains:

☐ 110.5(8)a Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child's name, birth date, parent's name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child and the parent's work address and telephone number.

☐ 110.5(8)b Emergency information including where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city and telephone of the child's regular doctor, and the name number, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.

☐ 110.5(8)c A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

☐ 110.5(8)d For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance.

☐ 110.5(8)d For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian.

☐ 110.5(8)e For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.

☐ 110.5(8)e For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of admission physical.

☐ 110.5(8)f A list signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child.

☐ 110.5(8)i Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child development home. It must include times of arrival and departure, destination, and person(s) responsible for the child.

☐ 110.9(1) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOME CATEGORY "B"

☐ 110.9(1)a Not more than six preschool children present at any one time including infants. *(9 preschool and under present)*

☐ 110.9(1)b Of these six children, not more than four children who are 24 months of age or younger are present at any one time. *(5 under 24 mo)*

☐ 110.9(1)b Of the four children under 24 months of age, no more than three may be 18 months of age or younger. *(5 under 24 mos)*

☐ 110.9(1)d Not more than two children who are receiving care on a part-time basis at any one time.

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration.

Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations within the next 45 days.

☐ Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home. This visit will occur after the 45 day time period has elapsed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 641-421-1219 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Amanda Nash
Social Worker II

Always Remember:

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at 641-424-9559.

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you need to use only DHS approved training and only 12 hours can be by self-study. You can access the approved training by going to http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/CC_Professional_Development.pdf and you can sign up for training at <http://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/>

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).